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1. THERE ARE FOR POLITICAL REASONS NO PRESENT PROSPECTS FOR FBIS INITIATING OPERATIONS IN PAKISTAN AS WE HAD HOPED. WE ARE THEREFORE LOOKING FOR ALTERNATIVE SITES, AND IN THIS RESPECT WE ARE CURRENTLY CONDUCTING A SURVEY AT DOHA, QATAR. OUR SURVEY IN ISLAMABAD SHOWED THE SITE HAS GOOD POTENTIAL FOR COVERAGE OF THE SOUTH CENTRAL ASIAN AREA. WE ARE POUCHING A COPY OF THE SURVEY RESULTS TO YOU AND WILL SEND THE RESULTS OF OUR DOHA SURVEY WHEN THEY ARE RECEIVED. {C} 4
2. U.S. INTEREST IN FULL COVERAGE OF IRAN, AFGHANISTAN, THE INDIAN SUBCONTINENT AND SOVIET CENTRAL ASIA REMAINS HIGH. WHILE WE ARE ACTIVELY SEEKING TO IDENTIFY SUITABLE LOCATIONS FOR AN FBIS MONITORING SITE OR SITES, WE FORESEE POLITICAL OBSTACLES TO FBIS GAINING ENTRY INTO COUNTRIES OF THE AREA AND THIS MAY INCLUDE QATAR AS WELL. {C} 4
3. THIS BEING THE CASE AND IN VIEW OF BBC'S RESPONSIBILITY

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FOR COVERAGE OF THESE AREAS, I WOULD LIKE TO EXPLORE WITH YOU THE POSSIBILITY OF A JOINTLY SUPPORTED BBC FIELD MONITORING OPERATION TO MEET THE SAME OBJECTIVES. IF YOU BELIEVE IT FEASIBLE, I PROPOSE THAT WE COORDINATE APPROACHES TO OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS TO GAIN SUPPORT FOR SUCH AN EFFORT. {C} 4

4. I WILL LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR REPLY. {C} RVW 20 MAR 99

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